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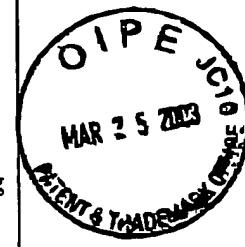
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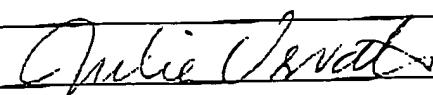
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 4-6, directed to a method for identifying an agent that modulates sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase activity.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.